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Re: E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Company, Inc., Chambers Works (DuPont)
Pennsville Township, Salem County
EPA I.D. No. NJD002385730

Dear Mr. Boettler:

This is to inform DuPont of the relationship and requirements of the remediation being conducted under the oversight of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the authority of the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments (HSWA) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP). EPA shall continue to be considered the lead agency to oversee the remediation. EPA and NJDEP are currently coordinating efforts to provide the facility with efficient and consistent technical guidance. You will continue to receive comments and approvals from EPA that will incorporate any comments from NJDEP.

The remediation required pursuant to your HSWA permit, shall be conducted in accordance with all applicable federal regulations and guidance. In addition, you must comply with the NJDEP Technical Requirements for Site Remediation and any other NJDEP regulations and guidance.

In June 1999, EPA will hold a national press conference in Washington, D.C. to announce reforms to the RCRA Corrective Action program. Timothy Fields, Jr., the Acting Assistant Administrator of EPA's Office of Solid Waste & Emergency Response, will make the announcement about these RCRA cleanup reforms.

The RCRA cleanup reforms will focus on streamlining the corrective action process to accelerate cleanups at RCRA facilities and on establishing national goals to measure success of cleanup activities. These reforms will remove major impediments to cleanups, maximize flexibility and spur progress. These reforms were developed in response to the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), which requires EPA to develop measures for tracking environmental results. EPA has developed two "environmental indicators" to measure the success of cleanup efforts. Those indicators are verifying that (1) current human exposures are controlled and (2) that there is no further migration of contaminated groundwater. EPA has set goals for each of these indicators under the GPRA. The goals are as follows. For human health protection, by the year 2005, 95% of high priority RCRA facilities have current human exposures controlled. For groundwater protection, by the year 2005, 70% of high priority facilities have migration of contaminated groundwater under control.

EPA, Region 2, with input from NJDEP, has selected your facility as a high priority for tracking progress with regard to remediation and/or compliance monitoring for determining the effectiveness of the chosen remedies or stabilization measures. In all, EPA and the States have designated over 1700 high priority facilities nationwide. These sites are now referred to as the GPRA baseline. They are the facilities at which progress towards meeting the GPRA goals will be measured. The RCRA reforms will facilitate achieving these goals by eliminating unnecessary steps in the corrective action process.

We are aware that you have been working with EPA Region 2 and NJDEP to address past releases. The fact that your facility is considered "high priority" does not necessarily mean that large-scale remediation will be required or that your facility has not implemented or even completed remediation. It does mean however, that EPA will need to assess all data compiled and any future information developed relating to investigation and remediation of your facility and formally document that all environmental indicator goals are being met at your facility.

Advanced notice of the scheduled press conference is being provided so that you may prepare for any questions that may arise. We appreciate your assistance in achieving these GPRA goals, which will result in important public health and environmental protections.

In order to facilitate the needs of both EPA and NJDEP, all correspondence and reports that you prepare for the remediation shall continue to be submitted concurrently to Mr. Andrew Park, EPA Project Manager and Mr. Frank F. Faranca, NJDEP Case Manager.

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If you have any questions, please call me at (212) 637-4169.

Sincerely yours,

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